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LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF TELEPHONE BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have announced new policy in regard to allotment of telephone booths at railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reservation made for different categories;

(c) whether the Government have invited tender for the allotment of telephone booths in various zones;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these booths are likely to be allotted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new policy stipulates eligibility conditions, procedure for selection of candidates, terms and conditions for allotment, monitoring system etc. Besides, the revised policy provides for 75% of the allotments to the highest bidder on open tender basis and the remaining 25% to various categories of society viz., physically handicapped persons including Blind persons, women, Other Backward classes, Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and people below poverty line.

(c) to (e): Some of the Zonal Railways have invited tenders forallotment of space to set up STD/ISD/PCO/FAX/Internet Booths at various stations which are at different stages of finalisation.